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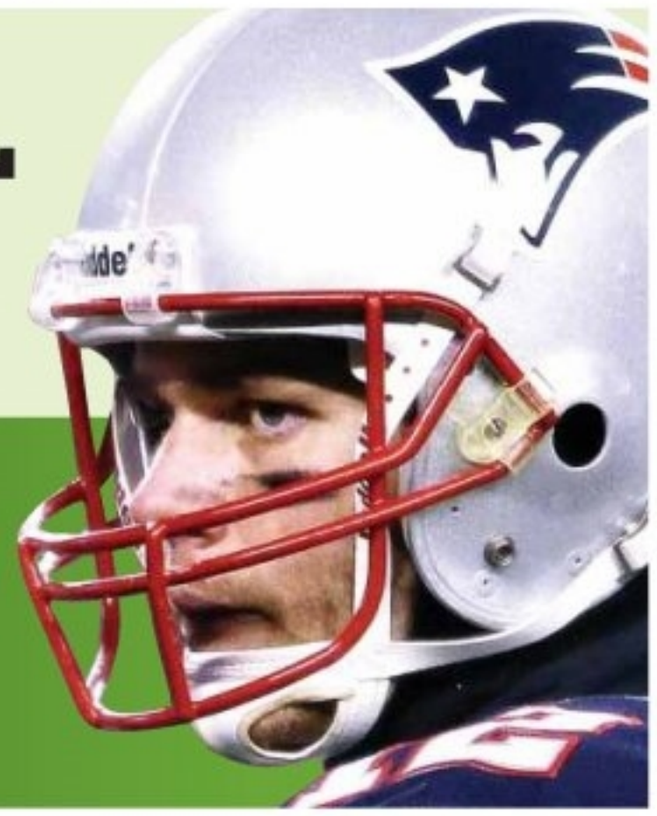

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MBTA may give riders fare shake

After five years without increasing the amount you pay to ride, MBTA officials are considering it as an option to offset budget woes Could happen by next July {page 02}

Books. This man had sex on the moon

▶ Famed Boston author Ben Mezrich investigates the odd tale of scientist Thad Roberts, seen here, who stole priceless lunar samples to give to his 20-year-old girlfriend — who also acted as his accomplice. Mezrich dishes on this intergalactic tale inside. {page 08}

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Going up? MBTA mulling fare hike

Projected budget gap spurs increase discussions ◗ MBTA hasn't raised fares since 2007 ◗ T store and naming rights not generating enough money

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▶ The MBTA hasn't raised fares in five years, but General Manager Richard Davey said it's on the table for next year.

As soon as next July, T riders could be scraping their pockets for change and dumping more cash onto their CharlieCards.

MBTA officials have already started talking about the possibility of raising passenger fares.

"Everything is on the table for balancing that budget [next fiscal year]" said MBTA General Manager Rich Davey. "Which includes fare increases."

Davey says he has tried almost everything to avoid the cost increase to ride the T, including the launch of an MBTA store with authentic T flip-flops and selling the naming rights to stations — but it hasn't been enough.

The T hasn't raised fares since January of 2007 when the price to ride spiked 25 percent.

"The problem is the gap continues to grow … we have a projected budget gap [next year] that is greater than this year, which was $130 million," said Davey.

He wouldn't say how much fares could go up, but he said they would "absolutely not" increase this fiscal year, which ends in June of 2012.

But before a hike in commuter prices can happen, the T has to go through a lengthy public input process.

Increases can pass after public workshops, public comment sessions and consultation with the Rider Oversight Committee is held.

The T also has to get the MBTA Board of Directors' approval.

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Possible fares

Here's how various fare increases would look if they happen to your $2 fare in 2012 (based on daily cash CharlieTicket):

- **10 percent:** $2.20
- **15 percent:** $2.30
- **20 percent:** $2.40
- **25 percent:** $2.50

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Bassist free on $25K bail

ATTLEBORO. The bassist for a popular alt-rock band was freed on $25,000 bail yesterday following a stint in jail.

According to reports, Michael Todd, bassist for the band Coheed and Cambria, was set free on bail two weeks after his armed robbery arrest for allegedly holding up an Attleboro pharmacy for Oxycontin hours before a show.

Todd, 30, was freed on $25,000 bail from the Dartmouth House of Corrections, according to reports. METRO

Black infant mortality rate drops

BOSTON. New state data released by the Department of Public Health yesterday showed the numbers of black infants who died before their first birthday was 50 percent less than the previous year.

Data released for 2008 and 2009 showed the lowest death rate for Boston's youngest African-American residents in 20 years, according to reports.

In 2009, 16 black infants died in the city. Reports show that the previous year, the death rate reached 30. METRO

Boston hotel rates on the rise

BOSTON. Rent in Boston isn't the only room fare on the rise. According to a report by the Boston Business Journal, hotel room costs are back to pre-recession levels.

BBJ reported that Downtown Boston hotels in May saw a 3.3 percent increase in average daily room rates, hitting $215.74 per room, compared to the same time last year. METRO

Urban League sees progress, racial gaps in Boston

The tone of race relations in Boston is far better than it was a few years ago, but some indicators show that many racial inequities here have not closed.

That's according to the report released yesterday by the Urban League of Eastern Mass. called the "State of Black Boston." The report examines the progress and lack of progress black Bostonians experience and examines gaps in education and health care between minorities and whites.

The report comes days before the National Urban League kicks off its annual conference in the Hub. It's the first time in 35 years it has been in Boston, a city that some associate with racism because of the busing crisis of the 1970s.

"It's a very different Boston," Gov. Deval Patrick said yesterday of the Hub's progress. MICHAEL NAUGHTON

In the news

56%

Since 1996, the teen birth rate for 13- to 17-year-olds has declined by 56 percent in Boston. A report released by the Department of Public Health, called the 2009 Birth Report, found teenage births dropped to 10 births per 1,000 teens in 2009 from 12.3 births per 1,000 teens in 2008. METRO

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Hub almost the most honest city in US

Boston is the second-most honest city in the country according to a recent poll conducted by a beverage company.

During last week's record-breaking heat waves, Honest Tea set up "pop-up stores" in 12 cities across the U.S.

In Boston, vending machines were positioned outside the Prudential Center for the day on July 19. The social experiment had the unmanned pop-up stores stocked with ice-cold Honest Tea, asking visitors to leave $1 per bottle in an honor box.

Not only did the box not get stolen, but Bostonians put money in the box 97 percent of the time, according to the experiment. Honest Tea is donating all of the money collected — nearly $5,000 — to three nonprofit organizations.

Last summer in the same study, Boston was ranked as the most honest city, beating out Washington, D.C., and San Francisco for the top spot. But even as No. 1, the Hub only had a 93.3 percent honesty rating, nearly four points lower than this year.

STEVE ANNEAR

Most honest

Top Honest Tea cities by percentage of people who paid on the honor system:

- Chicago: 99 percent
- **Boston: 97 percent**
- Seattle: 97 percent
- **Dallas: 97 percent**
- Atlanta: 96 percent

Mother shot five times by 'on and off' boyfriend

Dorchester man pleads not guilty ◐ They met at party to talk about relationship, cops say ◐ Family of 21-year-old emotional at court hearing

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▶ Loved ones of Alessa Castellon grieved in court yesterday.

The reported "on and off" boyfriend of a 21-year-old mother allegedly told police he "blacked out" after firing a gun at her in the heat of an argument about their relationship early Sunday.

Junior Fernandes, 22, of Dorchester, allegedly shot Alessa Castellon five times, killing her.

Fernandes called Castellon from a party in Dorchester. When she arrived, the two went outside to talk about their relationship. That talk turned into arguing, according to court documents. Fernandes told police that he fired the gun after Castellon "began to smack, hit and punch" him.

He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment yesterday and his lawyer said he had no record and did not fight the prosecutor's request that he be held without bail.

Friends and family members of Castellon cried and hugged as the prosecutor detailed the shooting. Her friends said she was the mother of a 3- or 4-year-old son. They described her as outgoing and said she was working on her criminal justice degree at Bunker Hill Community College.

"No matter what happened, she didn't deserve to go out that way," said Kathy Guzman, Castellon's friend.

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Another incident

- Police made another murder arrest Sunday when they charged Laquan Miller, 17, of Roslindale, with killing Wilfredo Martinez.
- Martinez, 23, and another 23-year-old man were shot repeatedly June 5 in Roslindale.
- He agreed to be held without bail.

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▶ Thousands held red and white flowers at the vigil in remembrance of the 76 victims.

Thousands join Oslo march in grief, unity

▶ 100,000 gather to remember victims ▶ Attacker claims he had help, but officials skeptical ▶ Huge rally likely country's largest since WWII

At least 100,000 people rallied in Oslo and tens of thousands more marched in cities across Norway yesterday in a nationwide expression of grief and unity over the massacre of 76 people by Anders Behring Breivik.

Breivik told a judge in a closed hearing yesterday his bombing and shooting rampage aimed to save Europe from a Muslim takeover, and said that "two more cells" existed in his group.

Police said they could not rule out the possibility that others were involved in Friday's attacks and they revised down the death toll to 76 from 93: eight dead in a bomb blast in Oslo and 68 at a Labour Party youth camp on Utoeya island.

76

Norwegian police revised down the death toll from Friday's bomb and shooting attack to 76 people from a previous estimate of 93.

"Evil can kill a person but never conquer a people."
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Stoltenberg addressed the evening crowd, many of them holding up red and white roses for remembrance, his voice trembling with emotion: "By taking part you are saying a resounding 'yes' to democracy." He called the Rose March a "march for democracy, a march for tolerance, a march for unity."

"Evil can kill a person but never conquer a people."

In a country of 4.8 million, where a single murder makes front-page news, the solidarity rally was probably the biggest since World War II. REUTERS

Did he have accomplices?

Norwegian police think gunman Anders Behring Breivik is probably a lone wolf, a view also held by some researchers who cast doubt on his claim that he was working with two other cells.

Breivik told a court yesterday that two cells of collaborators were in his "Knights Templar" group that aimed to "save" Europe from Muslims. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Lady Gaga is suffering for her art, Bill Maher is putting things in perspective, Nina Dobrev is in fact bragging and Conan O'Brien is over-thinking Harry Potter.

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You know you're dedicated to hooker-pop when your bruises and cuts are shaped like fishnets.

▶ **@billmaher**
Hey rest of the United States, gay marriage is like color tv - eventually everybody was gonna get it

▶ **@ninadobrev**
I'm not gonna brag but... I may or may not have met Steven Spielberg tonight. Just sayin'

▶ **@ConanOBrien**
If Voldemort is such a powerful wizard, why can't he conjure up a new nose?

O'Brien

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▶ Bravo, guys!

No boundaries for this vampire couple

"True Blood" star **Anna Paquin** admits being married to co-star **Stephen Moyer** makes filming intimate scenes easier.

"Maybe it should be weird, simulating sex with your husband in front of people? But it's really not," Paquin tells V Magazine. "When it's a love scene with someone you actually love, there's no feeling like, 'Can I touch him here? Can I touch him there?' You know what your boundaries are — or what they aren't, I suppose."

What's most impressive is that Paquin, after all of those years of being together, is able to pretend like she still wants to rip his pants off instead of pretending to have a headache.

'Glee' stars to become townies?

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So ... it might be time to stop believin', kiddos.

While "Glee" boss **Ryan Murphy** recently said stars **Lea Michele**, **Cory Monteith** and Emmy-nominee **Chris Colfer** would be leaving the show after next season, that may not actually be the case. "Here's the exact thing: [The characters] are seniors, so they're graduating," executive producer **Brad Falchuk** told the the audience at the show's Comic-Con panel, according to TV Line. "But because they're graduating doesn't mean they're leaving the show. If you have Lea Michele under contract, you don't say, 'We're gonna let you go.'"

Oh man — you know what happens if you don't leave town after graduation: You become that townie burnout, a la **Matthew McConaughey** in "Dazed and Confused." I can't wait for the episode where Rachel, desperate for her high-school days and wanting to impress the new members of New Directions, starts belting out show tunes while buying Mad Dog 20/20 for underage high school students.

Talking points

The jewels that keep on giving

Prince William has gifted his new wife, **Princess Catherine**, with yet another prized item from his late mother **Princess Diana**'s jewelry collection: a pair of diamond and sapphire earrings, according to the Daily Mail. "Now that they're married, William wanted her to have some of his mother's favorite pieces," a source says. Diana was in fact quite fond of the earrings and wore them often before her death in 1997.

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▶ Princess Kate has some new bling.

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Lohan: Can't keep a good drunk down

Lindsay Lohan seems to be slipping back into bad habits, if a night out in Hollywood is any indication. The troubled starlet hit up a friend's birthday, showing up sober and only ordering juice from the waitstaff, but by the end of the night "she could barely stand," an eyewitness tells Radar Online. The source says Lohan sneaked gulps of other people's drinks while passing them on and taking shots of vodka on the sly. Lohan was later spotted holding onto curtains for support and screaming into her cell phone before she left the club around 2 a.m. "When she got to her Escalade, she just collapsed into it," the source says. Lohan, who is still on probation, is legally allowed to drink.

Celebrating sans husband

Divorce or no divorce, **Jennifer Lopez** was all smiles in Miami this weekend, celebrating her 42nd birthday with her mother, sister and a massive entourage, according to People magazine. "Jennifer looked radiant in a purple and silver evening dress," a source says. "And when they brought out her birthday cake after the meal, she began to sing. She was very happy. The whole group had a blast, staying for hours. They closed down the restaurant."

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Dayman heads to Comic-Con, Rihanna hits the Hub

1: Rihanna rocked the TD Garden on Sunday night, but instead of her um-bah-rella ay ay ay, she wore a shiny little raincoat.

2: The "Always Sunny" crew stopped by Comic-Con on Sunday, and they didn't forget to play dress-up.

3: Ozzy Osbourne brought a very cute guest to a benefit in Beverly Hills on Friday.

4: Taylor Swift looked like she fell out of a fairy tale Sunday night when her "Speak Now" tour came through Newark, N.J.

5: "Cowboys & Aliens" stars Harrison Ford, Daniel Craig and Olivia Wilde — who looks like this. Where will every guy you know go this weekend? We'll give you one guess.

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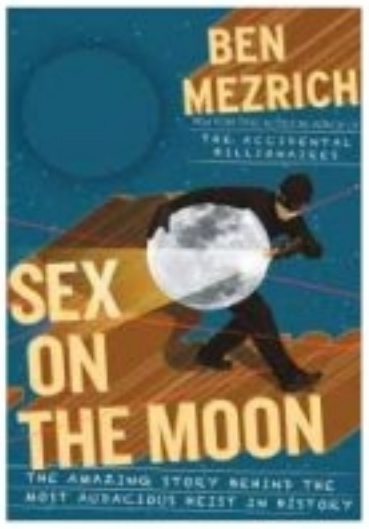

Getting your (moon) rocks off

Best-selling author Ben Mezrich uncovers the story behind one of the most audacious heists in US history in his high-octane new book, 'Sex on the Moon'

Moon rocks are otherworldly and illegal to own — and they're also among the most valuable elements in the world. A single gram is worth about $5 million. Enter Thad Roberts, a 25-year-old NASA co-op who stole a safe of lunar samples from NASA and then, with his girlfriend-accomplice, did just what the title of Ben Mezrich's highly readable new book, "Sex on the Moon" suggests. Mezrich, the best-selling author behind "Bringing Down the House," and "The Accidental Billionaires" (from which the Oscar-winning "The Social Network" is adapted), uncovers how Roberts was both smart and dumb enough to carry out one of history's most daring thefts.

How did you come upon Thad's story?

I've become the go-to guy for interesting stories. Mutual friends of Thad who were fans of mine contacted me. I never heard of the heist. So I hopped on a plane and flew to Utah to meet Thad right after he spent seven and a half years in jail. He was one of the nicest, most charismatic guys I've ever met.

So many elements to the story are so over the top. Did anything surprise even you?

Even to this day, I don't understand how Thad could be so brilliant in pulling it off, but then he just tried to sell the moon rocks on the Internet. He just wasn't a criminal. A criminal would know better.

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Q&A

It seems like you had a lot more to work with in "Sex on the Moon" — FBI files, interviews with Thad, etc. — than your other nonfiction works.

Thousands of pages. ... The first thing Thad says when he sits down with an undercover FBI agent is: "If you're wearing a wire, I'm screwed." I mean, come on: That makes for a great book.

Music. In concert

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Scott: No. 1 in 'The Sun'

Jill Scott credits old-fashioned home training with keeping her ego in check. "My grandmother Blue taught me very early to not get involved in that mentality where you are put on a pedestal. Because people on pedestals fall and fall hard," she says. After her own successful HBO series and starring in a Tyler Perry movie or two, the Grammy winner might be putting those skills to use more than ever now. She's back to her first love, music, scoring her first No. 1 album with her new "The Light of the Sun." For our full interview with the singer, visit www.metro.us/music. G. VALENTINO BALL

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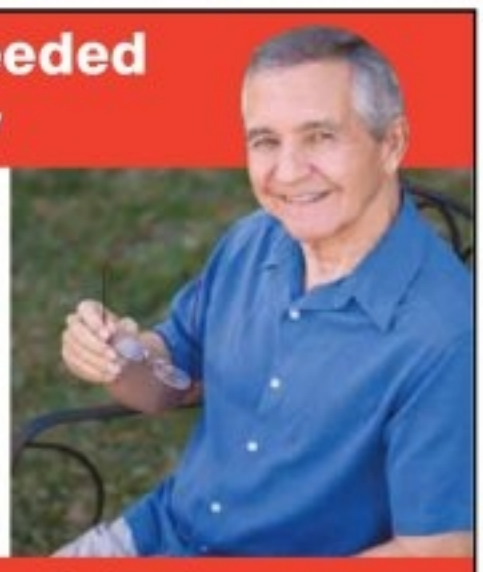

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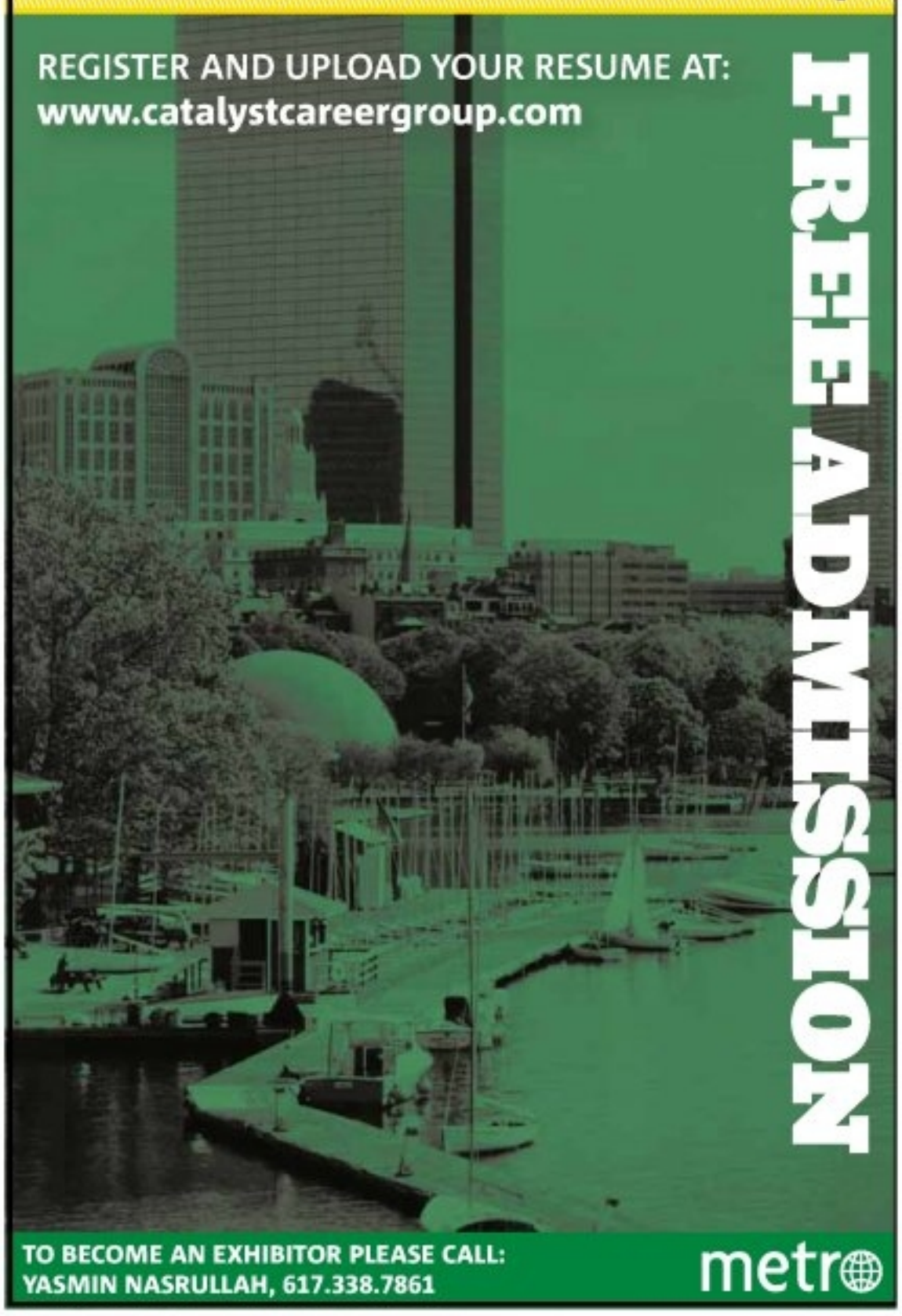

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Celeb culture rots the brain

I read the Metro almost every day on the way to work. Today, however, I felt compelled to tell you how monumentally disappointed I was to see Amy Winehouse gracing the cover. I flipped through several pages before finally finding any reference to the horrible tragedy that occurred in Norway. Are we so celebrity brain-dead that the death of one starlet dwarfs the terrorizing and killing of dozens of defenseless children at camp on an island?
HEIDI BECKER, BOSTON

Some backlash from the Right

RE: "STUCK IN THE MIDDLE": Frankly humorous how your letters page has all negative comments regarding "Republicans," "Tea Party" and corporations. Why not simply declare that yours is a marxist or Democratic Party newspaper and be done with it? Frankly there is more than enough blame to go around for all sides in this economic mess! For far too long America has been living on credit and well beyond its means.
RICHARD J. LERMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Oh stop it! The Tea Party has nothing to do with it. You want to place blame for no jobs growth and unemployment? Look at the EPA, which has shut down more jobs in two years than any agency in history with regulation. The war on carbon is killing this country, not the Tea Party!
BUTCH CASS, ATTLEBORO

As a Republican, I say, how simple is the idea that everyone who is a member of this country pays the same percentage of taxes? How do the privileged get even more privilege? Why isn't every one of us who is exempt from the tax exemptions writing and demanding our representatives to ensure everyone pays the same percentage of taxes?! My Republican representatives are not speaking for the 95 percent of us Americans who pay more taxes than the 5 percent rich! But it seems no one else gives a damn!
YOVANNY HENNINGSEN, VIA E-MAIL

Why are my views so small?

RE: "SOME PROTEST IS WELCOME": I'm against gay marriage because I think it's wrong. How come my opinion is looked at as hate, small minded, bigoted and so on? Men and women are like puzzles. If the "pieces" don't fit together then you're putting the piece in the wrong spot.
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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Be as generous with your funds as people have been with you in the past. Consider purchasing some things that would provide a lot of pleasure for others.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even though the job at hand might be unusually tough to do, continue to work with a flourish. It'll impress others as to how well you handle rough assignments.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you want to make an impact, let others think your ideas came from them. You'll be able to be more effective pulling the strings from the background than from a visible position.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** This can be an especially good cycle for accomplishing your hopes and expectations, so make the most of it. Don't let anybody with a negative attitude influence your mindset.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Focus your attention on accomplishing your most desirable objectives at this time. Regardless of the impediments involved, you have the ability to get what you're after.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If some of your associates aren't in accord with your way of thinking, don't knock yourself out trying to convince them. Quietly go about doing what you believe to be necessary.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't hesitate to rely upon a loyal associate if you lack the wherewithal to handle something important. Select someone who you know can help.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Fairness and tact are two of your greatest assets, which you'll use quite wisely. Others will respond in kind when they see you are doing your best.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Continue to keep performing to the best of your abilities, because with the trends now favoring you, especially where your work is concerned, you can make substantial progress.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you're with an individual who you know to be on a tight budget, don't embarrass him or her by showing off how much you can spend. Be careful when handling money matters.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Should you find yourself in a situation that isn't likely to improve, do what you can to wrap it up instead of letting it hold you back. The sooner it's gone, the quicker you can make progress.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Trust on your own ideas instead of trying to seek approval from those who know little about what you're doing.
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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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The Treasury Department is once again granting 'people-to-people' licenses, which expands travel opportunities for Cuba-bound visitors How you can book a trip

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You now may travel to Cuba, as long as you go with a licensed organization.

Fodor's Tips

For the first time since 2004, when the George W. Bush administration canceled so-called "people-to-people" licenses for companies offering cultural travel to Cuba, Americans can once again go there legally — and without applying to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for a special license. More companies are expected to receive the same license in the coming weeks, so do your research before purchasing a ticket.

Insight Cuba

Insight Cuba has just been granted a license to offer cultural tours to Cuba, and these small-group trips (limited to 16 people) are available to the general public, including Americans. According to Insight Cuba's Director Tom Popper, "We've been preparing for the possibility of again offering our Cuba programs since August 2010, when reports surfaced that President Obama was going to ease the travel restrictions." Those restrictions were lifted in mid-January, and the company's license was just approved late June.

What's included

Itineraries include all meals, admission costs and travel within the country, but they do not include tips or other extras. This is an important consideration, since U.S. credit and debit cards cannot be used in Cuba — so you'll have to carry enough cash.

Airfare not included

The tour costs do not include airfare to Havana, which will be done on already-established charter flights from Miami and will add about $500 to the cost of the trip. Insight Cuba has already reserved seats on these flights, but you'll have to book your flight directly through Insight Cuba once you are confirmed on a tour.

The tours

The first departures leave on Aug. 11. Trips, which begin at $1,695 for a four-day/three-night weekend trip (off-season), go up to $4,095 for a nine-day/eight-night "Cuban Music and Art" trip (peak season). Single supplements are modest, at $200-$300.

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Let the games begin ... after a crazy preseason

The NFL is officially in a speed rush ◗ The lockout is over ◗ But there isn't much time for moves, camp ◗ And don't even think about two-a-days

Imagine Eminem rapping over a techno beat.

That's what the next few days should feel like, now that the NFL has ended its five-month labor dispute. The timeline is fast and furious as teams try to cram days into hours and weeks into days.

"This is a long time coming, and football's back," commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday.

As you read this, trades are being pursued, free agents are being wooed and draft picks are getting playbooks. The schedule for acquiring new players has been shrunk from a month to just 10 days. Hopefully teams haven't been sitting back enjoying "Entourage" reruns over the past few months.

Coaches will have less than three weeks to make key personnel and strategic decisions. Who goes? Who stays? What kind of defensive scheme? The NFL is officially in a speed rush.

And training camp ... well, that starts tomorrow for some teams. Of course, that will also have a different look. Under the new CBA, traditional two-a-days are banned, meaning teams can no longer pound each other to a pulp. If they choose to practice twice a day, the second one will be without pads — no exceptions. It's part of the league's new player safety guidelines.

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▶ NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell were in high spirits yesterday.

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"I believe it's important that we talk about the future of football as a partnership."
NFLPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEMAURICE SMITH

Quoted

"We didn't get everything either side wanted, but we did arrive at a deal that we think is fair and balanced."
NFLPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEMAURICE SMITH

Likely timeline

- **Today**
  Team facilities officially open. Draft picks and rookies can be signed. Free-agent negotiations can begin.
- **Tomorrow**
  Training camp opens for several teams, including the Patriots.
- **Thursday**
  Teams can cut players.
- **Friday**
  Teams can extend offer sheets, finalize FA signings.

For the taking

These three players are going to be getting a lot of calls this week.

Kevin Kolb
QB, Eagles
The Eagles backup is probably being fitted for a new jersey right now. Arizona is most likely, but Seattle is possible.

Santonio Holmes
WR, Jets
His combo of blazing speed and skilled route-running makes Holmes a certified playmaker.

Nnamdi Asomugha
CB, Raiders
He's been thrown at just 92 times over past four seasons. He'd be a perfect fit in Philadelphia or Baltimore.

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A campy Thursday

The Patriots will likely hold their first public workout of the preseason on Thursday.

Players are expected to return to team facilities today. Physicals and the team's annual conditioning run will be held tomorrow.

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Patriots in good shape

THE DEAL:

With the **lockout over,** it's going to be a crazy few weeks in the NFL. **But don't expect much panic out of Foxborough.**

ANALYSIS:

Unlike some teams that need front-line players at key positions, the Pats' core is solid. **Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and Wes Welker alone are worth a spot in the playoffs.** They're not perfect: The LB corps is shallow with Tully Banta-Cain's surgery, the D-line could use an upgrade and Matt Light must be re-signed. But New England can avoid the frenzy that will surround premier guys like Nnamdi Asomugha and Sidney Rice.

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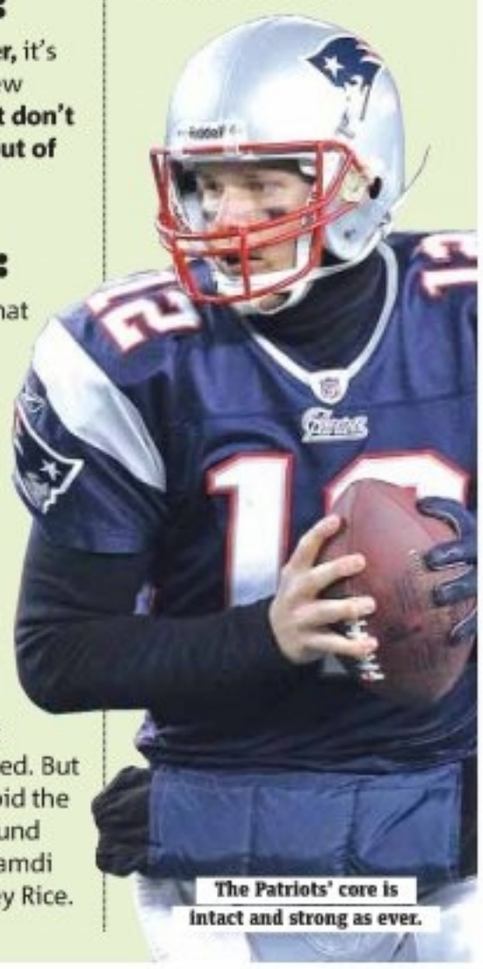
▶ Tom Brady could use a deep threat at WR. Expect Belichick and Co., to make a play for someone like **Braylon Edwards**.



The Patriots' core is intact and strong as ever.

Pats owner apologizes to fans

Patriots owner Robert Kraft apologized to football fans during a press conference announcing the effective end of the lockout yesterday.

"First of all I'd like, on behalf of both sides, to apologize to the fans that for the last five, six months we've been talking about the business of football and not what goes on on the field and building the teams in each market," he said in Washington. "But the end result is we've been able to have an agreement that I think is going to allow this sport to flourish over the next decade."

Colts center Jeff Saturday said Kraft — along with his late wife, Myra — was instrumental in a deal getting done.

"A special thanks to Myra Kraft," Saturday said, "who even in her weakest moment allowed Mr. Kraft to come and fight this out. And without him, this deal does not get done." METRO

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▶ Kraft and Saturday

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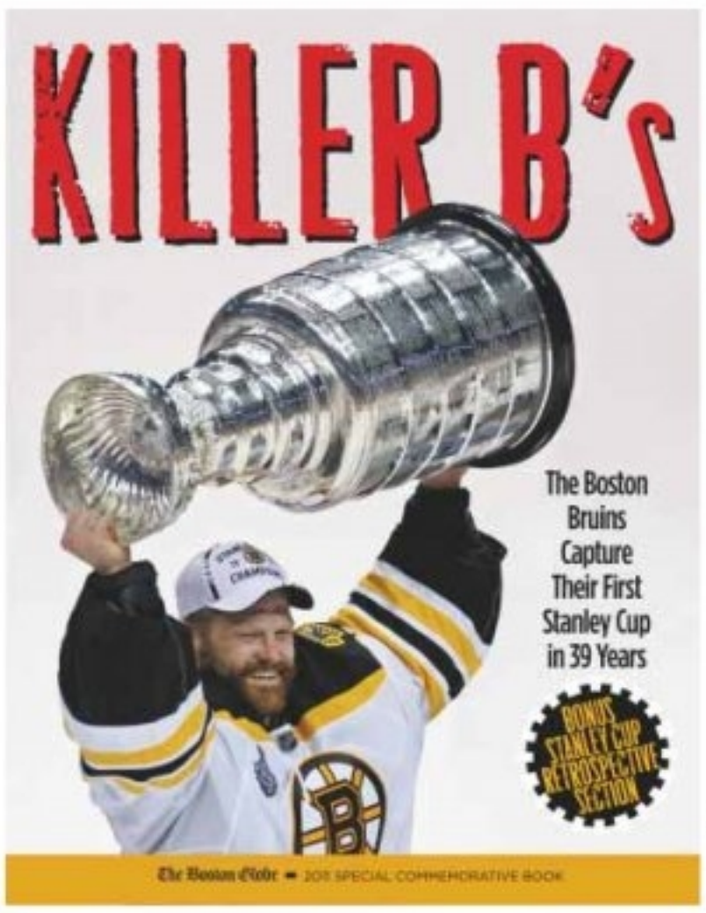

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Kuroda an option for Boston?

Los Angeles Dogers starter Hiroki Kuroda would waive his no-trade clause if a deal to the Red Sox or Yankees materialized, ESPN.com reported last night.

An anonymous "baseball official" told ESPN that the perception Kuroda will only play in Los Angeles is a "myth."

▶ Kuroda

Kuroda, 36, has been one of the most consistent starters in the National League in recent seasons. He's never posted worse than a 3.76 ERA during his four-year career — all with the Dodgers.

He's just 6-12 this year, but his 3.19 ERA, 113 ERA+ and 1.22 WHIP are indicative of a much better campaign. METRO

Red Sox going on, coming off, the disabled list

- Lester activated the same day Drew lands on the DL
- Buchholz feels good after 30-pitch bullpen session

One player heads into the twilight. Another is heading back into the spotlight.

On the same day the Red Sox officially placed J.D. Drew on the disabled list with a bum left shoulder, the Red Sox activated left-hander Jon Lester to start last night's game against the Royals at Fenway Park.

But the most significant injury news of the day revolved around righty Clay Buchholz, who threw a much-anticipated bullpen session. It was his first mound time since going on the DL June 17 with a strained lower back; he emerged relatively unscathed after 30 pitches.

"Arm feels good, feels like the ball is coming out of my hand," Buchholz said. "That's definitely one thing I expected."

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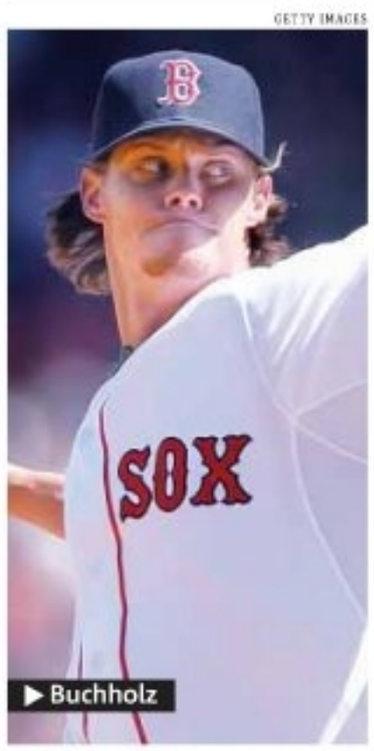
▶ Buchholz

The arm was not the concern, however, and Buchholz did experience soreness in his back after the session. But within 10 minutes he said it felt better after doing some stretching.

"He felt a little stretching, which I think is a lot better than feeling pain," manager Terry Francona said. "He said it was like night and day from his last side session, which was good news.

"If you watched him throw, you would never believe that he's missed time."

Buchholz is expected to throw a longer bullpen session Thursday.

"I think it's the biggest step in the right direction in this process," Buchholz said.

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